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## Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

APPROVED CAPITAL £2,000,000 PAID UP £2,000,000

REGISTERED OFFICE, 40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES: In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, and buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

Interest allowed on Deposits.—

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 3 " 3 " "

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

A PROVISION OF CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the Balance of such Claims purchased on advantageous terms.

Agency of THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

H. A. HERBERT, Manager, Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1063

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £7,500,000

RESERVE FUND £4,500,000

RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION £500,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS £7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS Chairman—A. MCILVER, Esq.

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Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq.

MANAGER, Shanghai, E. WEN CARMER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credit granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Draws granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 11, 1886. 947

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,000 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$10 or more at their credit may at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on and daily balanced.

5.—Deposits will be supplied gratis with a Pass Book, which must be produced with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass Book are necessary.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 764

## Notice of Firm.

### HONGKONG HOTEL.

MR. N. J. ROBINSON has been appointed Clerk in Charge until further Notice. Mr. GREELEY's connection with the Hotel ceased on the 31st May last.

By Order,

LOUIS HAUSSCHILD,

Secretary,

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, July 8, 1886. 1323

Intimations.

### NOTICE.

A N Extraordinary General MEETING of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB will be held on THURSDAY, the 6th PROXIMO, at 9 p.m., in the GYMNASIUM, to consider certain proposed Alterations on and Additions to the Rules of the Club.

A Copy of the Rules, with the proposed Alterations and Additions, will be found posted on the Notice-Board in the Club.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, July 29, 1886. 1470

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.  
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,  
Surgeon Dentist,  
(Formerly ARTICLED APOTHECARY and LATENT ASSISTANT to DR. REEDS.)

At the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by DR. REEDS,  
No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.  
Sole Address 2, DUDDELL STREET  
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 66

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMasters and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, none of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-signed is requested when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary,  
Hongkong, August 25, 1886. 1458

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 6 PER CENT. or \$6.00 per SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders held THIS DAY, will be Payable at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION or and after SATURDAY, the 31st Instant.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at the OFFICE of the Company for WARRANTS, By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 30, 1886. 1474

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF, GODOWN AND CARGO-BOAT COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE COMPANY will receive STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS alongside their Wharves at Kowloon, and Land, Re-ship, and/or Store GRAIN or MERCANDISE in First-Class Granite Godowns at Cargoe Rates.

For the convenience of Commanders and Storers the Company's launch "Hawkeye" will convey to and from those interested FREE OF CHARGE, starting from the Pepple's Wharf every hour from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from the Wharf at Kowloon at the half-hour.

For further Particulars, apply to

W. KERFOOT HUGHES,  
Agent.

Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 331

NOTICE.

DR. H. POATE,  
Dental Surgeon,

has returned to the Colony, and may now be CONSULTED at his ROOMS, BANC CHAMBERS, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, July 27, 1886. 1447

NOTICE.

WILLIAM DOLAN, —Deceased.

PURSUANT to an Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, made on the 8th day of February, 1886, Notice is hereby given that All Persons having CLAIMS against the Estate of the above-named WILLIAM DOLAN, late of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong (who died at No. 48 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, sorefied, on or about the 10th day of December, 1885, and to whom Personal Estate and Effects Probate was granted to the Under-signed on the 13th day of January, 1886, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its Probate Jurisdiction), are hereby required to send in writing particular of their CLAIMS to the Under-signed, or before the 8th day of August, 1886, after which time the Under-signed will proceed to distribute the Assets of the Deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the CLAIMS of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated the 9th day of February, 1886.

WILLIAM HENRY RAY,  
Executor of the Estate of the late

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 12, 1886. 1151

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Under-signed are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Godowns at 1 percent net premium per annum.

ARTHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, May 19, 1886. 933

NOTICE.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Under-signed having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to Grant Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARTHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, November 5, 1886. 663

## Business Notices.

### Summer Delicacies:

ANCHOVIES in OIL.  
Bologna SAUSAGES.  
Oxford BRAWN.  
Russian CAVIARE.  
Digby CHICKS.  
CUTTING'S Dessert FRUITS.  
Assorted PATTIES.  
HERRING à la Sardine.  
Leicestershire MUSHROOM.  
OLIVES Stuffed with Anchovy.  
Tabasco SAUCE.  
PILCHARDS in Oil.  
Tameora RABBITS.  
HAM, TONGUE and CHICKEN SAUSAGE.  
OX TONGUES in Jelly, &c.  
WHITE BAIL.

ALSO (Just Arrived)  
SARDINES in Oil, BUTTER, TOMATOES and CITRON.

In addition to above LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have their usual SUPPLY of FIRST-CLASS HOUSEHOLD GROCERIES and STORES. They also strongly recommend their New Shipment of YORK HAMS and CHEESES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, July 20, 1886. 1403

### HARRY ELLIS,

#### TAILOR, &c.,

#### 114, FENCHURCH STREET

(OPPOSITE MARK LANE),

#### LONDON, E.C.

THE CANTON-MADE-EASY VOCABULARY,

BY J. DYER BALL,

A SMALL DICTIONARY in ENGLISH AND CANTONESE, containing only WORDS and PHRASES used in the Spoken Language, with the Classification indicated for each noun, and Definitions of the different shades of meaning, as well as Notes on the different uses of some of the words where ambiguity might otherwise arise.

## For Sale.

**MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.**  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE  
THE FOLLOWING  
**STORES.**

EX AMERICAN MAIL STEAMER.

Smoked HAMS.

Golden SYRUP in Gallon Tins.

Assorted SYRUPS.

CUTTING TABLE FRUITS.

ASPARAGUS.

Queen OLIVES.

Sausage MEAT.

CAVIAR.

Potted MEATS.

MACKEREL in 5lb Tins.

Engle Brand MILK.

Lamb's TONGUES.

Green CORN.

Baked BEANS.

BRAUN.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT  
of

COOKING AND PARLOUR  
**STOVES.**

AGATE IRON WARE COOKING  
UTENSILS.

WOFFLE IRONS.

CHARCOAL IRONS.

KEROSINE LAMPS.

NONPAREIL KEROSINE OIL.

—

WINES, &c.

SPARKLING SAUMUR, Pts. & Qts. @  
\$11 and \$12.

CUP CHAMPAGNE, Pts. & Qts. @ \$12  
and \$14.

SACCOONE'S SHERRY.

SACCOONE'S FIDALV PORT.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

JAMESON'S WHISKY.

OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

HEIKING'S CHERRY CORDIAL.

ASSORTED Liqueurs.

DRAUGHT, ALE and PORTER.

&c., &c., &c.

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THE USUAL ASSORTMENT

of

OILMAN'S STORES,  
at the

Lowest Possible Prices

FOR CASH.

**MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.**

Hongkong, July 1, 1886. 1268

NOW READY.

THE COMMERCIAL LAW AFFECTING CHINESE; with special reference to PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION and BANKRUPTCY LAWS IN HONGKONG.

Copies may be had at the *China Mail* Office, and at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Price, 75 cents.

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Intimations.

GRIFFITH'S  
NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG  
ARE  
NOW READY,  
1, DUDDELL STREET.

GRIFFITH & Co.,  
MANUFACTURERS  
OF THE  
LONDON AERATED WATERS,  
1, DUDDELL STREET,  
Continue to Supply:

ERDA Water, LEMONADE,  
TONIC GINGERBREAD,  
SEITZER RASPBERRYADE,  
SEABARBERSA, &c., &c., &c.  
At the same Moderate Charge.

Hongkong, June 9, 1886. 987

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,  
Chronometers, Watch & Clock Makers,  
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths,  
NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND  
METEOROLOGICAL  
INSTRUMENTS.

VOIGTLÄNDER'S CELEBRATED  
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.  
RITCHIE'S LUCID AND OTHER COMPASSES.  
ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS,  
NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English, SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,  
Christofle & Co.'s ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,  
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,  
in great variety.

DIAMONDS  
AND  
DIAMOND JEWELLERY.  
A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON  
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

SUMMER TIME TABLE.  
THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STEAM LAUNCH  
MORNING STAR

Rum Daily, or a FREIGHT BOAT between  
the Wharf and Tsim-Tsa-Tui at the  
following hours.—The Time Table will  
take effect from the 10th April, 1886.

WEEK DAYS. SUNDAY.

Leave H.K. Leave K'oon. Leave H.K.  
6.00 A.M. 7.00 A.M. 6.00 A.M. 7.00 A.M.

8.00 " 8.30 " 7.30 " 8.00 "

8.50 " 9.00 " 9.00 " 10.15 "

9.40 " 10.15 " 10.30 " NOON.

10.45 " 11.30 " 12.30 P.M. 1.00 P.M.

12.45 P.M. 1.00 " 1.30 " 2.00 "

1.30 " 2.00 " 2.30 " 3.00 "

3.30 " 4.00 " 4.15 " 4.30 "

4.15 " 4.30 " 4.50 " 5.10 "

4.50 " 5.10 " 5.25 " 5.40 "

5.25 " 5.40 " 5.55 " 6.15 "

5.55 " 6.15 " 5.50 " 7.00 "

7.15 " There will be no Launch on Monday  
and Friday, on account of coaling.

The above Time Table will be strictly  
adhered to, except under unavoidable cir-  
cumstances. In case of stress of weather,  
the notice will be given of any stoppage.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.

The Steamship  
"VICTORIA"

Captain T. S. GARDNER,  
will be dispatched for the  
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 10th Inst.,  
at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, August 2, 1886. 1483

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,  
BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT  
SAID, BRINDISI AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CAL-  
CUTTA, MADRAS, PEKING,  
GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT  
AND ADRIATIC PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
"VICTORIA"

Captain G. DONICHE,  
will be dispatched as above on  
SATURDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.

For further Particulars, regarding Freight  
and Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, Praya Central.

O. BACHRACH,  
Agent.

Hongkong, August 2, 1886. 1486

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF  
MEXICO will be dispatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama,  
on TUESDAY, the 10th August, at 3 p.m.,  
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan,  
the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama, and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-  
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Dominga, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America, by the Company's and  
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Return Passage Tickets granted to  
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San  
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)  
within six months, will be allowed a discount  
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking  
within one year, an allowance of 10% will  
be made from Return Fare. Pro-Paid Return  
Passage Orders, available for one year, will  
be issued at a Discount of 25% from  
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply  
to through fares from China and Japan to  
Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4  
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel  
Packages will be received at the office until  
5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo  
destined to ports beyond San Francisco  
should be sent to the Company's Offices in  
San Francisco, via the Collector of  
Customs and the Bureau of the Collector  
of Customs at San Francisco.

For further Information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, August 2, 1886. 1487

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

## To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship  
"VICTORIA"

Captain POCOCK, will be  
dispatched for the above  
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 4th Inst., at  
Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 2, 1886. 1488

NOTIFICATION.

W<sup>ITH</sup> reference to the Notification issued

by HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S  
Minister in Japan on the 19th of May last,  
the Undersigned is authorized by the Ho-  
mousable Sir FRANCIS R. PLUNKETT to make  
known for the information and guidance of  
British subjects resident in or resorting  
to Japan, that a note has been received  
from His Excellency the JAPANESE Mi-  
nister for Foreign Affairs announcing the  
prevalence of CHOLERA in the Yokohama  
District of the Kanagawa Prefecture, and  
that the Medical Inspection Regulation  
promulgated by Decree No. 31 of  
1882, will be put in force from the 17th  
instant in all the Ports throughout the  
Empire, against all Vessels arriving in those  
Ports which have either cleared, from or  
arrived at Yokohama, or which after hav-  
ing cleared from that Port have called at  
any intermediate Port.

The Inspection of Vessels at Nagara,  
which has been carried on hitherto, will  
now be discontinued.

Given under my hand, at HER BRITANNIC  
MAJESTY'S LEGATION at Tokyo, this 20th  
day of July, 1886.

P. LE POER TRENCH,  
Secretary of Legation.

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,  
SUEZ, PORT SAID, TRIESTE.

ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK  
SEA & BALTIc PORTS;

ALSO,

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,  
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,  
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN  
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL  
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LOAD PASSENGERS  
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills  
of Lading for the principal places in  
RUSSIA.

THIS Company is being formed with the  
chief object of providing owners of  
property within the Straits Settlements with  
a second Local Fire Insurance Office, the  
establishment of which the commercial impor-  
tance of the Settlements seems fully to  
warrant.

The volume of Fire Insurance business  
in the Straits is large and increasing. The  
existing Company can only take a limited  
amount of business in block of buildings, and  
it is reasonable to suppose that a second  
local Institution would command a good  
share of the risks which are now going to  
other distant Companies, and in which  
little or no share interest is really held.

It is notorious that Fire Insurance  
business in the East has for many years  
past been exceedingly profitable. Rates of  
premium are well maintained, and the Con-  
tractors have no intention of competing on  
lower terms than commonly exist with  
other Mutual Offices.

The Company will be worked in connec-  
tion with, and within the Head Office of  
the Straits Insurance Company, Limited,  
and by the Board of Directors and Staff  
of that Institution. The Accounts and Liabilities  
of each Office will be kept absolutely  
distinct. Expenses of Management will be  
shared by the two Companies in such pro-  
portions as may be determined by the  
Officers of the said Offices. Both Offices  
will materially benefit by a con-  
siderable lessening of the said Costs of  
Management. Branches or Agencies will  
be established in such Ports and Places  
as may appear to afford fields for profitable  
business. Agents now acting for the Marine  
Company will probably all be willing to act  
for the Fire Office.

The Company will, it is assumed, benefit  
largely by the good will of the Marine  
Office, and in consideration of this, 10,000  
Pounds will be paid to the Head Office of  
the Straits Insurance Company, Limited,  
and by the Board of Directors and Staff  
of that Institution. The Accounts and Liabilities  
of each Office will be kept absolutely  
distinct. Expenses of Management will be  
shared by the two Companies in such pro-  
portions as may be determined by the  
Officers of the said Offices. Both Offices  
will

It is notified in the Government Gazette that His Excellency the Acting Governor has been pleased to appoint the Hon. A. P. McEwen and Dr. Patrick Manson to be Members of the Sanitary Board under the provisions of Ordinance of 1853.

CHUNG A Cheng, who was banished from the colony for five years in November last, having returned back to his old haunts, was captured by the Police and was to-day sentenced at the Police Court to 12 months' hard labour.

SATURDAY'S Gazette contains the names of the new Directors of the Po Loung Kok Society, and an abstract of the Society's accounts for the year ending 18th July 1865. The assets come to \$1,073.97, the expenditure for the year amounted to \$215.35, leaving a balance of \$858.62.

PEACE active military operations are going on in Cambodia just now. A body of two hundred rebels, including fifty Chinese armed with good muskets and under the orders of Lao-thin-gou, made a vigorous attack on the French column, and although repulsed with considerable loss, the rebels were able to carry off their dead.

Two Chinamen were charged before Mr MacLean at the Police Court this morning with cruelly illtreating pigs at Yau-ma-ti. They had tied the pigs' feet with cords and were carrying them on bamboo suspended by their feet. One of the pigs was very much cut by this inhuman treatment. The men were each fined \$25, with the option of a month's hard labour.

The new Conservative Cabinet has produced several surprises. Lord Randolph Churchill has wrested the leadership of the House from Sir Michael Hicks-Beach; and Sir Michael has accepted the Secretariate for Ireland. An unknown man (Mr Mathews, Q. C.) has been placed in the post formerly occupied by Sir Richard Cross, and Sir Richard does not seem to approve. Lord Iddesleigh, will do in the Foreign Office as Lord Salisbury wishes, so that our Foreign relations will be pretty safe.

In another column will be found the prospectus of the Straits Fire Insurance Company, Limited. This Company is being formed with the object of providing the Straits Settlements with another local Fire Insurance Office, to be worked in conjunction with the Straits Insurance Company. The capital has been fixed at \$2,000,000 in 20,000 shares of \$100 each, \$5 per share payable on application, and \$15 on allotment.

As will be seen from our French telegrams General Boulanger, Minister of War, has been made a grand officer of the Legion of Honour. As doubtless highly becoming that dignity the Hon. General fought a duel with a M. Laveint in consequence of offensive words used in the Chamber of Deputies. As usual the affair resolved itself into the whizzing of a ball in the air. And of course Frenchmen, who are said to be the nation most sensitive of the ridiculous, find nothing ridiculous in such procedure. On the contrary honour had without doubt been declared satisfied.

The Returns of Births and Deaths registered in Hongkong for the second quarter of 1866, ending 30th June, are published in Saturday's Gazette. Thirty three births, seventeen boys and sixteen girls, occurred among the British and foreign community, while there were forty nine deaths, thirty seven males and twelve females. Eleven hundred and seventy two deaths and two hundred and eighty five births were registered among the Chinese. The annual death-rate per 1,000 for the quarter, was—for the whole population, 30.14; British and Foreign community, 20.18; or, deducting non-residents, 17.98; Chinese, 31.12.

Very few persons know that the Museum of Saigon has possessed since the month of July last year a jewel of great historical and artistic value. It is an ornament of a Chinese princess and is composed of two bracelets and a girdle, the whole being in pure unalloyed gold of the weight 473 grammes and consequently of a monetary value somewhat over 1,500 francs. This jewel was found in a cutting made during the construction of a road near the hamlet of Xon-wong. It derives its historic value from the fact that its presence at Pulo-Cordore coincides with the spot where that island served as a station to the Malays, who from this point pushed their piratical voyages between the Gulf of Siam and Canton, and it owes its artistic value to the state of perfection of the Siamese jewellery at that distant date.—*Le Soigneur*.

We find the following in the Japan Gazette translations from native papers:—It is stated that on the 16th instant, when the German and English ministers were received in audience by His Majesty the Emperor, the latter expressed his intention of presenting an imperial order to the crown prince of Germany and Great Britain, and the Emperor requested the ministers to convey his desire to the prince. In addition, the German minister was decorated by the Emperor with the First Order of the Rising Sun, the English minister, in consequence of the regulations in Great Britain regarding the wearing of medals preventing his acceptance of the favour. That the government should pay special consideration towards the British and German ministers is said to be owing to the fact that these ministers have done much towards bringing the pending negotiations for the ratification of the treaties to a satisfactory conclusion, and their influence on the other ministers has been highly appreciated by the Government.

COMMENTING on the appointment of M. Constant to the Embassy at Pekin, Le Saigonais contains the following outspoken utterances:—Do you wish to obtain an enviable and very envied official situation? Give trouble to those in power or bond their back. The only of M. Jules Ferry, when asked what he really thought of M. de Freycinet, is truly topical. "I have not said much what I think of him," said M. Ferry, "for I should run a great risk of being sent on a mission." In fact it began with M. Paul Bont who was sent to Tonkin. M. Bont was troublesome to M. de Freycinet; was a friend of Gambetta; and was suspected of being only too faithful to his memory. Next it was the turn of M. Rouvier, who was sent to the direction of Rome; then of M. Spuller, of whom it has been and still is in question for an embassy. Thereafter came M. de Lannec, who was set down in Tunis; M. Thibaut, a meditocris two disposed to start an opposition propaganda in the lobbies and for whom a mission to Venezuela was invented; and last of all it is M. Constant, a man of great talent, but dangerous because it is impossible to say what the members of the "Mouscetes" are going to do in the United States, but from what we hear, it is not unlikely that they may "bob up serenely" in the Far East in about a year hence, bringing with them a troupe of popular artists.

Some highly imaginative individual spread the report last night that Beltran had been caught at Yau-ma-ti. It is entirely false. The police have got no further information as to the whereabouts of the fugitive. The launch which left in the hazardous attempt to overhaul the Kiong-tong was sighted by the *Gisland* about half past two o'clock yesterday afternoon, 120 miles from Hongkong. At that time the party had not seen the barque, but they expressed the hope of being able to overtake her before getting to Ossau. The *Gisland* sighted a barque on Saturday night but did not make out her name. This vessel was not making a pleasure trip, at all events for the engine was comparatively cool, a constant current of air being produced by means of fans, the heat in the engine room usually reached 133 deg. Fahr. While coming through the Red Sea the coal in one of the "pocket" bunkers was found to be on fire, a rather unpleasant discovery in view of the fact that the *Takachio* had about five hundred tons of powder, &c., on board. In order to subdue the fire it was judged necessary to cut through the steel deck, so as to obtain access to the bunker, and for fifty-six consecutive hours work was vigorously maintained before the fire was reached. On two occasions during the voyage the vessel was driven full speed, and each time completely realized the high expectations derived from the very successful trials made before leaving England.

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MESS. ERA D'AVIGNON, and MESSRS. NEIL O'BRIEN and CHARLES TYRELL left Shanghai on the 26th ultimo per a.s. *Mosser* for Amoy en route to New York. The *Mosser* of the 27th ultimo says:—It was their intention to give a performance here, but owing to the storm leaving Shanghai earlier than was expected, the scheme was knocked on the head. The Company is also much disappointed at the *Mosser* not calling at Hongkong; she goes from Amoy straight on to Singapore. At present it is well-nigh impossible to say what the *disjuncta* members of the "Mouscetes" are going to do in the United States, but from what we hear, it is not unlikely that they may "bob up serenely" in the Far East in about a year hence, bringing with them a troupe of popular artists.

THE relative advantages of the different routes by which tea is exported are of course of considerable importance, and the following particulars on the subject, which have kindly been placed at the disposal of the *Hiroko News* will be found interesting. The steamer *Heaven* left Yokohama on the 28th May, Amoy on the 15th June, and arrived in New York on the 20th July. Last year the same vessel left Kobe on the 8th June, Amoy on the 16th, and arrived in New York on the 31st July. The barque *Hedon* sailed from Yokohama on the 7th June, and reached San Francisco on the 11th July instant. The barque *Carine*, *Dove*, which will be recollected to be in part of her cargo here, sailed from Yokohama on the 18th June, and reached Portland on the 10th July. The voyage from England of the *Takachio* (and may the *Hiroko News* say anything but a pleasure trip, at all events for the engine was comparatively cool, a constant current of air being produced by means of fans, the heat in the engine room usually reached 133 deg. Fahr. While coming through the Red Sea the coal in one of the "pocket" bunkers was found to be on fire, a rather unpleasant discovery in view of the fact that the *Takachio* had about five hundred tons of powder, &c., on board. In order to subdue the fire it was judged necessary to cut through the steel deck, so as to obtain access to the bunker, and for fifty-six consecutive hours work was vigorously maintained before the fire was reached. On two occasions during the voyage the vessel was driven full speed, and each time completely realized the high expectations derived from the very successful trials made before leaving England.

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THE *Shen-pao* states that the new Taotai of Shanghai is Mr Kung Yang-chen; he was at one time manager of the Arsenal at Nan-

king.

It was rumoured (says the *Cathay Advertiser*) that Captain-Superintendent McEwen has resigned the position of chief of the police. No one of the Shanghai papers credit the report.

CHONGRA, the *Mercury* learns from private advice, is raging furiously throughout Korea; in Seoul especially, where the inhabitants are said to be decimated by this fatal scourge.

CAPTAIN M. A. CAMERON, R. E., has been appointed Acting Colonial Engineer and Surveyor-General of Singapore. Vice-Admiral Major McCullum on leave. Mr J. H. Calicot, the *Free Press* understands, will act as Deputy Colonial Engineer and Surveyor-General at Penang.

The *Macao Independent* says:—According to letters received from Lisbon, it is mooted that a Minister Plenipotentiary of Portugal to China will be appointed, and further that the new Governor of Macao, who is shortly expected, is not invested with the power of representing our country at the Chinese capital. Some newspaper also say that Mr Joaquin José da Graca will be appointed to the post, but we are not inclined to believe this last part of the news for the present.

A SHOT in the employ of the Hall and Holt Co-operative Company was sentenced at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, to two weeks' imprisonment for embezzling \$999 15 that he had collected on behalf of his employers. The shot was secured, (says the *Cathay Advertiser*), so fullies do not lose the money, but this makes no difference as to the gravity of the offence committed by the shrot, and the sentence seems to us ridiculous.

THE *Cooktown Courier* says:—The steamer *Gafford* had 15 tons of opium for all Australian ports from Hongkong, the duty on which at £1 per lb would total £30,000. Where such an enormous supply of the drug can find consumers among the small populations of these colonies is a mystery which we shall not attempt to solve. We are not aware that it is used to any great extent by Europeans except medicinally and the small quantity thus absorbed must leave an immense bulk for the use of the Chinese.

Some time ago (says the N.C. D. News) we mentioned that the crew of the *Heaven* and *Boreas* had received rewards for conveying Prince Chün and his suite on their tour of inspection. Captain Lancaster of the *Prudent*, and Captain R. M. Andrew of the *Heaven* have now been decorated with the Fourth Class of the Order of the Double Dragon.

The *Prudent* consists of a silver

medal enamelled blue with two raised dragons rampant round a blue stone in the centre. The ribbon of this class is purple with two dragons embroidered on it. A diploma accompanies the medal.

THE *Japan Mail* learns that Mr Aston has accepted the post of Japanese Envoy at the British Embassy in Tokyo. The news is very welcome, not only because it indicates the return of Sir Charles Dilke just behind him. Thereupon he stretched out his arm and effusively shook hands with the late colleague whose "pastboard" he indignantly refused to receive a month or two ago. This appeared to be a very pleasant and almost as embarrassing surprise to Sir Charles Dilke, whose face beamed with pleasure, and was almost suffused with a blush at the publicity of the personal recognition thus afforded him. Immediately afterwards he made an entry in his pocket book, and the statement of those close by is that this note was an entry in his diary of the fact that Mr Gladstone had shaken hands with him.

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